

REMARKS

The pending Office Action has been carefully considered. Eighteen claims remain in this application, numbered 1-3, 5-18 and 21. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Claims 1-3 and 5-18 have been amended, claim 21 is newly added, and claims 4, 19 and 20 have been deleted.

In view of the Examiner's indication that the title is not descriptive, it has been modified to read "Ostomy Pouch Adhesives Such As Polysiloxanes That Are Resistant To Stomal Effluent".

The present invention as newly claimed in amended independent claim 1 is a two component ostomy device. One component is a body attaching component and the other is a pouch component. The body attaching component is capable of being adhered to the body by an adhesive. The components are capable of being adhered to each other and separated from each other at an adhesive interface. The two components are positionable on the body to collect stomal fluid. The adhesive interface of the two components includes one or more polysiloxanes, or one or more polysiloxanes and at least one silicate resin including their blends and reaction products. The polysiloxane adhesive is resistant to the migration of stomal fluids into the adhesive interface.

The present invention as claimed in newly amended claim 1 is neither anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102 nor obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103 applied singly or in combination in view of the references cited in rejecting the formerly pending claims.

The Examiner cited, applied and relied upon McNally et al (McNally), Abber, and Lin in rejecting the earlier claims.

McNally discloses a pressure sensitive adhesive that forms a seal between the stoma of an ostomy patient and an attached ostomy appliance. There is no disclosure or suggestion of a polysiloxane adhesive for separably attaching a body attaching component to a pouch component. As there is no suggestion of the adhesive interface as claimed there is also no teaching or suggestion of resistance to stomal effluent at the adhesive interface by the claimed adhesive. McNally does not render the present invention as newly claimed unpatentable due to anticipation of obviousness.

Abber discloses silicone pressure sensitive adhesives and its use in transdermal devices. A two component ostomy device utilizing a polysiloxane adhesive for separably attaching a body attaching component to a pouch component, as presently claimed in newly amended claim 1, is not considered. Accordingly, Abber does not render the present invention as newly claimed unpatentable due to anticipation or obviousness.

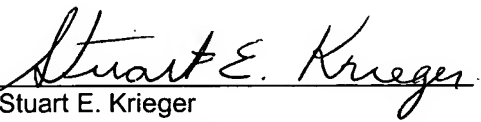
Linn discloses silicone adhesive composition having described characteristics. There is no disclosure or suggestion of the two component ostomy devices as presently claimed. There is no disclosure or suggestion of the presently claimed adhesive interface. Linn cannot be considered to render the present invention as newly claimed to be unpatentable due to anticipation or obviousness.

McInally, Abber, Lin and the other references cited by the Examiner applied singly or in combination do not suggest or teach a two component ostomy device utilizing the claimed adhesive as an effluent resisting adhesive interface between a body attaching component and a pouch component.

In view of the patentability of sole independent claim 1 and the remaining claims thereon, and the condition of the remainder of the application, allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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